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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each of the cited documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

- (1) Japanese Published Patent Application No. (B2) 8-16828 (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), published February 21, 1996; and
- (2) Japanese Patent No. 2,505,758 B2, issued June 12, 1996.

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (3) Daijogo et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,622,418, issued April 22, 1997; and
- (4) Miyatake et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,943,154, issued July 24, 1990.

Document (4) is a U.S. counterpart of Document (1).

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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